

Appl. No. 09/639,014  
Amdt. dated June 1, 2004  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group

PATENT

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 11 and 43-55 were pending. Claims 1-7 and 11 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 43-55 will be pending.

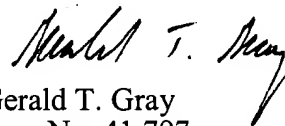
Claims 43-55 were indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, all pending rejections to cancelled claims 1-7 and 11 have been rendered moot, and all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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